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FOND MEMORIES . . . Bob Lupin (left), a 1965 graduate of South High School, and Mike Charter (right), 1962 graduate, go over an old yearbook with South's principal, Dr. John Lucas. Lupin and Charter will be among the South High graduates who are armed forces veterans participating in the flag ceremony and other festivities at South High Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. The high school will honor its Vietnam veterans and several of the armed forces will feature displays. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Seeks to Compel Developer to Testify

Court Order Asked

Kenneth Batrum, his business partners, and the land interests he is connected with may be held in contempt of court for refusing to testify in the Nollac hearings.

Batrum is the land developer who owned a fishing boat jointly with suspended City Engineer Walter M. Nollac. Nollac is currently being tried by the Civil Service Commission for alleged misconduct and incompetence.

Judge James Healy Monday signed an order requiring Batrum and the others to appear in court Feb. 13 to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court for defying a Civil Service Commission subpoena.

AN ATTORNEY for the Batrum interests told the commission last week that his clients did not believe the commission had the authority to command their presence.

The commission had asked Batrum and the others to produce records and documents regarding the operating expenses of the boat and records relating to reimbursements for storm drains constructed in the subdivisions being studied by the commission.

Batrum, Prairie Subdividers, Kenland Development Co., and South Bay Realty Co. are all mentioned in the charges against Nollac.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, in bringing charges against Nollac, alleges that the suspended city engineer performed "favours" for Batrum and his interest in exchange for "favours" in the upkeep of the boat.

Pedestrian Hit By Car; Breaks Leg

A pedestrian was struck by a car at 2:10 a.m. Sunday as he attempted to cross Crenshaw Boulevard at Amsler Avenue.

In satisfactory condition at Harbor General Hospital is Donald P. Asamson, 30, of 2451 W. 249th St. Police said Asamson suffered a large open wound on his head and a possible compound fracture of his right leg. Driver of the car, John D. Couturie, 52, of Los Angeles, was driving north on Crenshaw Boulevard when the accident occurred. He was not held, police said.

Gardena Man Freed in Auto Theft Ring Case

A Gardena man accused of participating in a statewide car theft ring has been freed for lack of evidence.

A motion to dismiss charges against Henry B. (Toby) Halicki, of 18511 Mariposa Ave., Gardena, was granted last Friday by Superior Court Judge Rafael H. Glaceran Jr.

Motions for dismissal of charges against four other suspects were denied.

Still facing car theft charges are Richard Faren, 31, of 2323 W. 230th St., a suspended Torrance firefighter; John P. Brady, 38, of 24 Silver Saddle

Magruder School Site Selected For New Center

A new day care center for children of working mothers drew a step closer to reality this week when members of the Torrance Board of Education authorized the Torrance Unified School District to have an architect develop working drawings for the facility.

The new Children's Center will replace the current bungalows located on the Torrance High School grounds. It will be built on an unused portion of the Magruder Elementary School campus at 4100 W. 185th St.

It anticipated that construction will begin in August, with

completion expected in mid-1970.

PLANS FOR the new facility have been in the talking stage since August, 1965, when board members originally decided to replace present facilities which they deemed inadequate. On Nov. 7, 1966, the board approved preliminary plans and directed that further work cease until funds became available for construction.

Funds which have accumulated for this purpose are expected to reach the necessary figure — in the neighborhood of \$350,000 — by late summer.

Administered by the school district, the child care program is a state program financed by participating parents and the state. Torrance's children's center is one of 283 located in 47 districts in 19 counties throughout the state. Begun in 1943, the program is aimed primarily at one-parent families meeting specific income requirements, and operates 12 months a year.

IN OTHER action, board members drew up a resolution calling for a change in the credential requirement for teachers of kindergarten through sixth grade. The resolution, which will be submitted to the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association, asks that teachers of kindergarten through sixth grade be eligible for their teaching credentials in four years.

At the present time, all teachers from kindergarten through high school must attend college five years before qualifying for a teaching credential if they go to college in California. In most other states, teachers of kindergarten through sixth grade are only required to attend college for four years.

Chamber To Study Airport

A questionnaire concerning the future use and development of the Torrance Municipal Airport has been prepared by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce airport committee.

The list of questions will be mailed later this week to all area Chamber of Commerce members along with a newly printed brochure about the local airport.

Purpose of the questionnaire is to help chamber officials determine a solid, tangible policy based on opinions of business leaders. The chamber, in turn, will use questionnaire results to advise city officials concerning the airport.

The questionnaire was prepared by the chamber's airport committee under the leadership of Gary Kovacs, committee chairman.

Services to Participate

Spartans to Salute Vietnam Veterans

South High School is now making plans for "Military Majesty," a salute to armed forces in general, and South High's Vietnam veterans in particular. The program, scheduled Feb. 19 at 8 p.m., will feature representatives from four branches of the military.

Maj. Robert Kingsbury of Ft. MacArthur will narrate "Echoes of a Different Drum Beat," a

live presentation of all types of U.S. Army uniforms worn since the Civil War. These uniforms will be modeled by a Special Forces (Green Beret) Unit and accompanied by the 44-piece 72nd Army Band.

The Naval Training Center in San Diego will offer a seven-man color guard and a drill team that won the Navy Department's "Best Military Drill Team" honors.

THE MARINE Corps will put on a show revolving around the historic development of the American Flag. The presentation will commemorate the 24th anniversary of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima.

A group of Air Force men from Edwards Air Force Base will demonstrate the survival

aspects of space uniforms and model the very "latest" in astronauts' orbiting attire.

Dr. John B. Lucas, principal of South High, and the South High PTA (sponsors of the program) will honor attending uniformed veterans of Vietnam who are former students at South High.

AMONG THE veterans already contacted and invited to the presentation are Torrance residents Duane Sielton, Michael P. Charter, Bob Lupin, Randy Bausman, Pete Mora, Ken Hodnett, and Gary Powers.

Friends or relatives of South High veterans are invited to contact South High School. The public is invited to the festivities, and there will be no admission charge.

Bradley To Attend Parade Here

Five-star General Omar Bradley and Mrs. Bradley will be guests of honor at the annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance May 17. Mayor Albert Isen received a personal letter from the general this week confirming his attendance.

General Bradley, European group commander for the First and Third Armies in World War II, will be the first five-star general to appear in the Torrance parade.

"Every school kid in Torrance should want to step up and shake his hand!" Mayor Isen exclaimed in announcing the news to the City Council Tuesday.

Woman Bandit Escapes

Two women opened fire on one another Saturday night after one of them had just robbed the other at gunpoint.

A lady attendant at Walt's Liquor, 16602 Crenshaw Blvd., told police the feminine suspect entered the store about 9 p.m., pulled out a blue steel revolver, and demanded cash from the counter cash register. After collecting the money — assorted \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills — the suspect ordered the attendant and witnesses to the rear of the store, then ran.

The clerk told police she ran after the suspect, who turned and fired once. The clerk then unloaded six bullets from a .38-caliber revolver, possibly hitting the get-away car, a late model black over yellow vehicle.

Neither lady was injured. The suspect was described as a young woman about 25, wearing a brown-speckled white synthetic fur coat.

Car Parts Taken

An estimated \$1,000 worth of wheels, tires, and car parts were taken sometime over the weekend from the unlocked garage at the home of William Lowell, 24, 205 Via Riviera. Lowell discovered the loss Monday night.



GAVELS PRESENTED . . . Dr. John Spalding (left) holds a mounted gavel presented to him in recognition of a year of service as chief of staff at Little Company of Mary Hospital, while Dr. Reinhold A. Ulrich receives a "working" gavel as the new chief of staff. The presentations were made by Sister M. Magdalen, hospital administrator, at the second annual Doctor's Dinner.